

Good afternoon. It's wonderful to be in Boca Raton. I want to thank Home Depot for hosting us. I also want to thank Bernie Marcus, a great Boca Raton resident, one of the founders here. He's done a lot for the state of Florida, a great guy. Yes. And really cares about the employees of this company.

One of the things we viewed as very integral to Florida's recovery was, obviously, we want to get people to work, we want to start letting people live their lives, but we want to make sure that we were pushing forward on increased testing. And, we've done that: I think if you look FLorida has close to a million test results. There were another 40,000 today, so we're going to be pretty close to that. It's interesting, if you look at the different states in terms of cases, the state that's right above us in the rankings is Michigan, they've got a thousand more cases. But they've done 400,000 more tests than we've done. And you look right below us, Maryland, they're only like a quarter or 30 percent of our size. They've got 300 fewer cases, but we've done 600,000 more tests than Maryland has done. And so this has been a priority for us, and we think it's really, really important.

Over the last 12 days' test results, we've had more test results than we've had in any other 12 day period, but the percent of tests that come back positive for our new cases has ranged between 0.67% and 3.3%. That's a good sign. That mean 99% to 97% of people are coming back negative. And there was a time in the country where you had half of the test takers were coming back positive. Never in Florida, but in some of the other places. So we're going to continue to do it.

But one of the things we have found as we have set up a lot of drive through test sites, of course we did in Palm Beach, two sites, Broward, Dade, where we had most of the cases. But also places like Orlando, now Brevard County, Jacksonville, the Florida Panhandle, Sarasota-Bradenton, Fort Myers, Tampa, what we're finding is is that, we have the capacity to do at least 10,000 tests a day just from the drive through sites. But yet we typically only have demand for about half that much. And so we've told people, come if you want to get tested, it doesn't matter your age as long as you're an adult. If you're a kid, you've got to have your parents' permission. It doesn't matter even if you have symptoms. Obviously if you have the coronavirus symptoms, you want to get tested.

But please come out and get tested, and we haven't gotten enough demand to fill that. So we're going to continue doing the drive through sites because I think they're important for people. But one of the things that we've now done, with Jared Moskowitz' leadership is walk-in sites, particularly in underserved areas. And so we have several here in southeast Florida, well a lot here in southeast Florida, that's been really good for communities that don't necessarily didn't have access perhaps to the same medical services as some other parts, particularly counties like this that have a lot of places that are very affluent, and that's been good, and that's been able to get testing.

We've got testing people in like, agriculture industry, some of the workers there, to be able to see cases and there have been cases there. So we want to keep doing that as well. But we also want to do it as convenient as possible for people. And so I want to thank Home Depot and I want to thank Publix for both agreeing to help us make testing even more accessible. And so what we are going to be doing, and what we're starting here today, is we're going to have 3 sites, testing sites, at parking lots in home depot, and three testing sites at parking lots at Publix. So this HHome Depot here has now this testing site that has been set up.

And so if you're shopping and you want to get a test, you have the ability, very easy access, you don't even have to leave the parking lot to be able to do it. And so we think that's important as Florida continues to recover, that it's as accessible, and it's as easy as possible for people. The numbers in terms of what Florida has done with accessible sites is great. We've done about 200,000 tests just at our drive through testing sites throughout the course of the epidemic. And the walk-up sites, we've done about 40 some thousand tests for that. So that's good, that's about a quarter of a million tests, which is very very significant.

In fact, we do more tests, we get more test results back in a day than some of these smaller states have done throughout the entire course.

But certainly if you go over a week in Florida, that's more than a lot of the states have done, which I think is very very impressive. So we're going to have Home Depot on board, we're going to have Publix on board. You also have 77 new privately run sites with CVS, you have 9 Walgreens sites, and you have 9 Wal Mart sites. So as the demand has gone down for traditional drive through sites, perhaps as people are shopping they have the ability to get tested, but we're not going to take resources away from the primary focus of testing which has been for us, our staff and residents of long term care facility.

The state of Florida through our national guard strike force teams, we've tested close to 100,000 staff and residents at long term care facilities. Of course, Florida has over 4,400 long term care facilities. By doing that testing, you've been able to identify outbreaks before they've spread wider. You've even been able to have times where just one staff member comes back positive and you can isolate them. So we believe that this is something that's very important to continue to do going forward.

I know local leaders like Mayor Kerner and Mayor Singer, they understand the long term care facilities, the risk that you have in those facilities in particular, and the reason you have more risk there is one, you have a more elderly population, mostly have underlying existing health conditions. But you also have an environment where the virus can spread rapidly. Close quarters, you have a lot of contact. And so if you have a staff member introduce it, asymptomatic, it can spread quickly. So we've got to keep doing this, and keep doing the periodic testing of staff, the testing of residents, because that's really the best way that we can help save lives.

This puts the risk in perspective in terms of with our long term care facilities: Florida has had more COVID related deaths in the age 90 and above bracket than it's had in the age 65 and below bracket. And that is pretty pretty stark. So we've got to continue to do that and we will.

I also want to announce today that or just remind people that we need to be preparing for hurricane season. Jared has been working on a lot of different things obviously, how do you do certain things with evacuations if we have the virus still prevalent in the community is something that is going to have to be a big part of that. But we also want individual Floridians to be prepared. So it's great to be here at Home Depot.

I know Floridians have been hacking Home Depot's throughout this mitigation period, but we're officially kicking off the hurricane preparedness tax holiday, which begins today and extends through Thursday June 4, so please take advantage. If you need flashlights, if you need batteries, if you need generators, any other materials through this period. It's all tax free, and we want people to plan, have a plan for their family, prepare and hopefully we get spared having major storms hit the state of Florida, but as we know, going through this every year, you've got to be prepared for the storms to come. And if you're prepared then you'll be able to weather the storm effectively. So I want to thank Home Depot again for having us here. I really appreciate the Legislature passing this holiday last year I'm glad I was able to sign it into law. We're going to do that again for next year as well. But if you need those supplies now is a great time to be able to get it. Let's prepare for the worst but hope for the best when it comes for hurricane season. I want to invite Jacob to come up with Home Depot. I think he's got something for me which I appreciate that maybe if you want to say a few words.

*** Jared Moskowitz, et. al. give remarks. ***

I want to thank the mayors for the collaboration and really, Palm Beach has been great. Working with the county, Broward, Miami Dade. We really believe that you've got to collaborate. It's a bottom-up deal. Particularly when you've got counties that have got a lot going on. We understand that what may be right for Northwest Florida may not be the same for Palm Beach, and I think that's the right approach.

And also, I want to point out, Jared mentioned the mobile testing lab that we did. And this is another example of Florida really innovating and leading the way nationally. We set the lab up, as Jared mentioned, it's really for long term care, homeless, things where you need to be expeditious. But for the space launch on Wednesday, the White House asked us, could you test everybody who's going to be anywhere near the president?

Could you test everyone is going to be anywhere near the president. So Jared set it up. They think they did 75 tests of people who were going to be in the White House physician was so impressed with it he went in and got the schematics and asked for the schematics was taking notes, they're gonna ask, they're gonna recommend that every state, do something like we did

with outfitting this RV. And so I just think that that's good, and it builds off some of the other things.

Recently I was in Central Florida with Vice President plans, delete PPE from HHS to long term care facility. Well, Jared has been sending stuff to long term care facilities for months. Because we understood early on. Yeah, the hospitals need it, the health care workers need to be protected. But if you give it to the folks at the long term care facilities, and you stop the spread there that'll prevent more people from ending up in the hospital to begin with. And so, as of this point we've sent over 11 million masks, just to long term care facilities in the state of Florida. He's sending Jared's now sending hundreds of thousands of more gowns, we've done half a million face shields over a million gloves. We were doing that.

I went to the White House and did the brief with the president one day. And so as we did that then you started to see FEMA and HHS follow suit because they understood. So I really appreciate the way Florida has really innovated and led the way on some of these important issues and we are hoping that this launch happens on Saturday. We're all very excited for Wednesday, but these things are...They made the right decision. But we're on the cusp of, once again, sending American astronauts to space, launching from American soil by an American rocket. And if we're able to do this, the next stop is to the moon again. And then the stop on that is to Mars. And I think the collaboration between the federal government and some of these great new companies, is the way to go, and Florida is really going to be at the epicenter for this innovation and so we really hope that there's a successful launch on Saturday. I know a lot of people were tuning in. So let's keep our fingers crossed. It's going to be a jump ball again, it looks like with the weather, but hopefully we're able to get it done and I know a lot of people will be happy. And with that, I'm happy to take a couple questions.

QUESTION about the statewide moratorium on evictions

I haven't decided yet.

Yep. Probably, yeah I mean, pretty soon I mean we've got a bunch of different things that are expiring, we obviously are also going to look at Florida's overall posture on some of the some of the restrictions and. And so we'll be having a lot of announcements I think over the next few days.

QUESTION about contact tracing

So we've, this is interesting because no one was really talking about contact tracing, two, three months ago. But the Florida, the county health department's in conjunction with the Florida Department of Health, have done a lot of contact tracing throughout this whole time period. And if you look at why, so obviously Miami, Broward and Palm Beach, they had special challenges, partially because of the population being more urban but it was the number one landing spot for people leaving New York City, and that's just the fact. And so that makes it tough.

They were still though during that doing contact tracing now once the epidemic spreads enough, the contact tracing isn't going to be enough to contain it. We had a lot of counties in the state of Florida throughout March and April, where they were doing contact tracing, and they helped contain. Now these are not as popular sub counties as here, but you look at places like Panama City, Bay County, some of these others, they had very modest cases and part of the reason is because you did do that.

Now there are going to be more that are added because we have the ability to do it, but I just want Floridians to know what's going to be done on that is going to be the traditional public health, call contacts explained to them that they may have been exposed. We are not taking your cell phone data. We are not doing any surveillance. I think that that is way overboard. I think that would absolutely be abused. And so we're not going to do that. We are going to do the traditional methods which have always proven to be effective, and you'll do it.

Part of the challenge though, is this is not like MERS or original SARS where you would only be contagious once you really started showing symptoms. Here you have people that get infected that don't even know they're infected. There are people that never develop symptoms. So contact tracing asymptomatic carriers is very difficult. So contact tracing can't do it all what it can do is when there are discrete outbreaks be able to have people there, do the public health measures follow up, and then contain it. And so a place like Palm Beach, you know you wouldn't be able to contact trace the whole county, but if you had an outbreak in Wellington, you know, then you can go and do it, so there aren't there are more added, we got a lot of CARES Act money. That's part of what the Department of Health is doing.

But one of the unsung stories about this whole epidemic in Florida, was the extent to which the county health departments in conjunction with the Florida health department did do the shoe leather work, and they did help contain the epidemic throughout the state of Florida, from what it otherwise would be.

QUESTION ON UNEMPLOYMENT

Well so yeah so if you look at the unemployment numbers as of the end of April, we were a little over a million. We've done a little over a million individual claimants, paid out over \$3.5 billion. That's more in like the last eight to 10 weeks than the state paid out cumulatively over the previous five years combined. And so you're seeing people get paid. You also have a situation where you know obviously the system was, you know, it broke at the beginning of April end of March, so you actually have people who have now gone back to work, who are still getting paid.

They're calling saying, hey, I don't think I should get this and we're telling them well actually, you were eligible for these four weeks and so the payment reflects that. So those payments are coming in. And it's just a matter of how it's gotten processed. But I can tell you this: The fact that we have over a million is very important because when this system broke, it was really difficult situation for a lot of people and I surged more resources than we've ever done on any domestic

issue, I would argue, because I said, other than the health it's our top priority. And so they've been able to do a lot of really good things. So that's going to continue going, and even they've been even going back and working on, did someone fall through the cracks? Are you making... They've made thousands more calls to try to find out if someone just needs to tweak the application. So they're being proactive about it, they've worked really hard, we've got to continue to do it.

Look, this system, I've analogized it to like putting a Jalopy on the Daytona 500 track. You know, it just wasn't built for this, and there's obviously an investigation into why the state would have paid so much money for this four or five years ago. So you're getting under the hood of that trying to create a really good engine, and they've had some success in doing it, but it requires constant upkeep to be able to do it and process the money for folks.

QUESTION ON THE TESTING SITES

To be announced yeah so we're working with Publix and Home Depot, they will announce those, I would imagine you're gonna see probably several more in South Florida Yes sir.

QUESTION ON THE RNC

I we yes so we we've done it and in fact, you know we're we're working on it as we see fit as they see fit. We want to host it. I think late August, we're going to be ready to do that. And obviously, his government can tell us what we need to do to make sure it's safe but I think, I think we should do it. It'll be a huge, huge economic boon for the state. And I think that they're losing patience with North Carolina, and if they don't get answers that at least the state will work with them, then I think they are looking elsewhere. And of all the states that have put up their hand, and there have been a lot of them that want it, but I think we would be the most natural landing spot for it. So I think you're probably going to get an answer on this, probably within the next week. Because at some point, you've either got to pull the trigger or you don't. It's going to take time for people to be able to get in place, or whatever but I think it would be good for Florida.

I also think it's good for Florida. If you notice, we may be the home for the Major League Soccer out of Central Florida. May even be the home for the National Basketball Association I know they're working with Disney. I've made clear, we want to have it, I think it's important for the psyche of the state in the country to get sports back online. And so I think that that would be great. If you look at the different sports that have happened since the pandemic hit you have UFC Ultimate Fighting was done in Jacksonville, we work with Dana White to get them there, WWE has done their Orlando training site to film their things, including WrestleMania. We had two charity golf events in the state of Florida, one in Juno Beach in Palm Beach, the other in Hope Sound which was on Saturday or Sunday with Tiger Woods, they raised \$20 million for COVID relief efforts, and we were happy to have that take place in the state of Florida, and

we're also looking to do some racing, some NASCAR very soon so I think these are good things and you know I'm looking forward to working with folks who want to want to get back to work.

QUESTION ON COVID AND HURRICANES

So I think, you know, Jared can probably speak to it.

You know they're looking at doing different things but I think as he mentioned, based on the construction of your home. If your home's new and you're in a certain zone. Given various risks, it may be better to stay at home, and that'll be something it's not going to be the state dictating, it's going to be us working with people like Mayor Kerner on our best information their best information, and then making a call in an intelligent way. We also are obviously preparing, how does this look in the age of the coronavirus, but, you know, may not be as prevalent then. I mean you actually have people now that are saying in Oxford I know they're saying we don't think we can get a coronavirus vaccine approved by the fall. People say "why?" They're like, we don't think in Britain there's going to be enough people that have it in July and August to be able to do the trials.

So that, I don't know what they're seeing but they see it going down. So we'll see what it looks like. But I do think the long term care facilities, that's very, very important because those are the patients that are going to be most at risk. You know, if you have a situation with with coronavirus. So I want to thank Home Depot, this is a really neat thing that they've had there. You've got the beach of Florida, which I think they're open in Palm Beach, right your beaches are open? alright good, you got people out there. You got the oranges, Home Depot, US Navy, and then the great American flag so thanks Home Depot, thanks to all the associates at Home Depot for working so hard during this time, and then again thank my friend Bernie Marcus for always being there for the state of Florida. So thank you guys.